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FUSION PROTEINS AND USES THEREFORE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002, in the above-identified patent application, applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 15-19, directed to methods of measuring biological effects such as enzyme reactions. Applicants also request that the time for response be extended for four (4) months. A check in the amount of \$725.00 is enclosed for the small entity fee. In the event any variance exist between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges, please charge or credit any such variance to Deposit Account No. Account No. 50-0206.

Applicants traverse the requirement for restriction between Groups I, III and VI on the grounds that the claims are related as product, method of making and method of use, and that search will be coextensive for all three groups. Therefore, combining these three groups would be no additional burden on the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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